

BREAUX ACT

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

April 16, 2008 9:30 a.m.

Location:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office
7400 Leake Ave.
New Orleans, Louisiana
District Assembly Room (DARM)

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- 1. Status of Breaux Act Program Funds and Projects (Gay Browning, USACE/Melanie Goodman, USACE) 9:30 a.m. to 9:35 a.m.** Ms. Gay Browning and Ms. Melanie Goodman will provide an overview of the status of CWPPRA accounts and available funding in the Planning and Construction Programs.
- 2. Report: Status of FEMA Claims (David Burkholder, LADNR) 9:35 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.** The State of Louisiana will provide a status on FEMA claims for damages to CWPPRA projects caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- 3. Report: Recommendation to Increase the Operations and Maintenance Budget for the PPL 3 - Lake Chapeau Hydrologic Restoration and Marsh Creation Project (TE-26) (Melanie Goodman, USACE) 9:40 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.** The Technical Committee will vote to make a recommendation to the Task Force for approval to increase the Operations and Maintenance budget for the PPL 3 -Lake Chapeau Hydrologic Restoration and Marsh Creation Project (TE-26) by \$326,764 to repair breaches to a hydrologic structure that resulted from hurricane damage.

- 4. Decision: Selection of Ten (10) Candidate Projects and up to Three (3) Demonstration Projects to Evaluate for PPL18 (Melanie Goodman, USACE/Kevin Roy, USFWS) 9:45 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.** The Technical Committee will consider preliminary costs & benefits of Priority Project List 18 (PPL 18) Project and Demonstration Project Nominees listed below. The Technical Committee will select 10 projects and up to 3 demonstration projects as PPL 18 candidates for Phase 0 analysis.

CWPPRA PPL18 Nominees

Region	Basin	Project Nominees
1	Pontchatrain	Parish-Line Canal Freshwater and Sediment Delivery Project
1	Pontchatrain	Bayou Bienvenue Restoration Project
2	Mississippi River Delta	Pass a Loutre Restoration Project
2	Breton Sound	Bertrandville Siphon Project
2	Breton Sound	Breton Marsh Restoration Project
2	Breton Sound	Baptiste Collete Bayou Crevasses Project
2	Barataria	Elmer's Island Headland Restoration Project
2	Barataria	Bayou L'Ours Ridge Restoration and Marsh Creation Project
2	Barataria	Grand Liard marsh and Ridge Restoration Project
3	Terrebonne	Terrebonne Bay Shoreline Protection/Marsh Creation Project
3	Terrebonne	Lake Boudreaux-Lake Quitman Shoreline Protection and Marsh Creation Project
3	Terrebonne	Central Terrebonne Freshwater Enhancement Project
3	Atchafalaya	Point Chevreuil Shoreline Protection Project
3	Teche-Vermilion	Northwest Vermilion Bay Vegetative Planting and Maintenance Project
3	Teche-Vermilion	Marone Point Shoreline Protection Project
4	Calcasieu-Sabine	Cameron-Creole Freshwater Introduction Project
4	Calcasieu-Sabine	Black Bayou Terraces Project
4	Calcasieu-Sabine	East Cove Marsh Creation Project
4	Mermentau	Freshwater Bayou Marsh Creation Project
4	Mermentau	Terracing at Dyson's Ditch Project

Demonstration Project Nominees		
Coastwide	DEMO	EcoSystems Wave Attenuator Demo Project
Coastwide	DEMO	Benefits of Limited Design/Unconfined Beach Fill for Restoration of Louisiana Barrier Islands Demo Project
Coastwide	DEMO	Submersible Concrete Barge Breakwater for the South Lafourche Parish, LA Demo Project
Coastwide	DEMO	Non-Rock Alternatives to Shoreline Protection Demo Project
Coastwide	DEMO	BioRock Reef Demo Project
Coastwide	DEMO	Bayou Backer Demo Project

- 5. Decision/Recommendation: Deauthorization of the Grand Bayou Hydrologic Restoration Project (TE-10) (Darryl Clark, USFWS/Ronny Paille, USFWS) 11:10 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.** The USFWS and LA Department of Natural Resources request to begin the deauthorization process for the PPL 5 - Grand Bayou Hydrologic Restoration project authorized in accordance with CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures. Recent hydrologic modeling results have predicted that the project would cause salinity increases in the project area relative to no action.
- 6. Decision: PPL 11 – Pass Chaland to Grand Bayou Pass Project (BA-35) Fax Vote (Melanie Goodman, USACE) 11:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** The Technical Committee will consider a request by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries and Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for a recommendation to the Task Force to approve by Fax Vote Phase II, Increment I funding increase for the PPL 11 – Pass Chaland to Grand Bayou Pass Project (BA-35) by \$7,940,471 for construction bid overruns.

7. **Decision: Request for Additional Funding for the Marsh Island Hydrologic Restoration Project (TV-14) (Bill Hicks, USACE/David Burkholder, LADNR) 11:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.** The Technical Committee will consider a request for an additional \$24,698.48 for the PPL 6 - Marsh Island Hydrologic Restoration Project (TV-14) to cover 1st costs through construction. Final construction costs exceeded the 125% estimate by \$418,073. After accounting for remaining contingencies and excess funds in the E&D and Lands categories, there is a shortfall of \$24,698.48. Additionally, due to the increased costs for rock after the 2005 hurricanes, there is a request for additional O&M funding. Although, this is a non-cash flow project, there is an immediate incremental funding request of \$59,771 in order to fully fund the estimated cost of repairs during this FY. These repairs include \$153,176 for Hurricane Rita damages which are expected to be reimbursed by FEMA on an actual cost basis. There is a total project life budget increase of \$697,481.
8. **Decision: Request for Approval to Begin Construction of the PPL 6 - Penchant Basin Natural Resources Plan, Increment 1 (TE-34) (Britt Paul, NRCS) 11:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.** NRCS and LADNR request that the Technical Committee make a recommendation to the Task Force to approve construction of the PPL 6 - Penchant Basin Natural Resources Plan, Increment 1 (TE-34) project.
9. **Decision: Request for Design Approval for the Riverine Mining/Scofield Island Project (BA-40) (Rachel Sweeney, NMFS) 11:50 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries and Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LADNR) have completed a feasibility/reconnaissance evaluation of the Riverine Mining/Scofield Island (BA-40) project. According to NOAA and LADNR, the report indicates that mining and transporting sand from the Mississippi River to the Plaquemines barrier shoreline is feasible, but that projected construction costs are in excess of that estimated at Phase 1 approval. The sponsors will brief the Committee on project development to date, and request the Committee's approval to proceed with project design.

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10. **Discussion/Decision: Status of Unconstructed Projects (Melanie Goodman, USACE) 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** The P&E Subcommittee will report on the status of unconstructed CWPPRA projects that have been experiencing project delays. Discussions will include the status on milestones and P&E recommendations to deauthorize or transfer the below listed projects:

- Projects Recommended for Deauthorization:
 - Periodic Introduction of Sediment & Nutrients at Selected Diversion Sites Demo
 - Weeks Bay MC/SP/Commercial Canal/FW Redirection
 - Grand Bayou Hydrologic Restoration
- Projects to Transfer to the Louisiana Coastal Impact Assistance Program:
 - East Grand Terre Island Restoration
 - Rockefeller Refuge Gulf Shoreline Stabilization (Demo Sections)
- Projects to Transfer to the Louisiana Coastal Area Program:
 - Delta Building Diversion at Myrtle Grove

The Technical Committee may discuss and make decisions on whether or not to recommend to the Task Force specific directions to take on the projects recommended by the P&E for deauthorization or transfer, or other delayed projects.

- 11. Discussion: River Diversions and Potential Induced Shoaling (Melanie Goodman, USACE)**
1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Technical Committee will discuss the potential impacts of induced shoaling associated with river diversions. An update on the West Bay Sediment Diversion Project performance and shoaling impacts will be provided.
- 12. Discussion: Initial Discussion of FY09 Planning Budget Development (Process, Size, Funding, etc.) (Melanie Goodman, USACE)** **2:00 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.** The FY09 Planning Program Budget development, including the PPL 19 Process, will be initiated.
- 13. Additional Agenda Items (Melanie Goodman, USACE)** **2:10 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.**
- 14. Announcement: Date of Upcoming CWPPRA Program Meetings (Melanie Goodman, USACE)**
2:15 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. The next Task Force meeting will be held June 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Estuarine Fisheries and Habitat Center, 646 Cajundome Blvd., Lafayette, Louisiana.
- 15. Announcement: Scheduled Dates of Future Program Meetings (Melanie Goodman, USACE)**
2:20 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.

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June 4, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Lafayette
September 10, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	Baton Rouge`
October 15, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Baton Rouge
November 18, 2008	7:00 p.m.	PPL 18 Public Meeting	Abbeville
November 19, 2008	7:00 p.m.	PPL 18 Public Meeting	New Orleans
December 3, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee	New Orleans
2009			
January 21, 2009	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans

*** Dates in BOLD are new or revised dates.**

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